

Joint Knowledge Development and Distribution Capability

As part of U.S. Joint Forces Command's Joint Training Directorate/Joint Warfighting Center (J7), the Joint Knowledge Development and Distribution Capability (JKDDC) is DoD's program responsible for ensuring that joint training of individuals evolves to remain relevant and effective in meeting the challenges of national security.

Using advanced distributed learning technologies, JKDDC delivers training for warfighters preparing for joint exercises and deployments. JKDDC uses distributed learning as a venue and force multiplier for joint training, increasing the efficiency and cost effectiveness of individual training.

JKDDC works with combatant commands, military services and combat support agencies as well as various multinational, intergovernmental and interagency partners to provide the training necessary to conduct whole of government, whole of nation, security cooperation, disaster response and humanitarian relief joint operations.

JKDDC provides Web-based joint courses and curriculums, training products and services to people around the world via a portal system of classified and unclassified networks. In April 2007, JKDDC introduced Joint Knowledge Online as the foundational platform for Web-based training. It uses the latest advanced distributed learning technology by delivering joint courses, curriculums and learning tools for people involved in integrated joint operations around the globe.

JKDDC is one of three DoD training transformation (T2) enabling capabilities and was established by the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) in 2003. Additional DoD T2 capabilities are the J7's Joint National Training Capability and the Joint Assessment and Enabling Capability, led by the OSD Personnel and Readiness Office.

JKDDC enables the T2 strategy for the joint training enterprise by:

- Delivering a quick reaction capability to support individual training; building the capability to rapidly incorporate changes to doctrine, tactics, techniques and procedures derived from lessons learned.
- Preparing individuals for duty before and during deployments, exercises or collective training.
- Incorporating all aspects of advanced distributed learning technologies and standards.
- Researching and developing advanced concepts such as online gaming, virtual worlds, remote, real-time knowledge in the battlespace, and other learning technologies.
- Increasing cultural knowledge and regional awareness capabilities, by supporting, integrating and incorporating requirements into joint task training for the intelligence, interagency, intergovernmental and multinational communities.